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John Foss, Principal Jacques Memorial Elementary 9 Elm Street Milford, NH 03055-4810

Dear Mr. Foss:

In accordance with the federal "No Child Left Behind" law, each school and school district is issued an annual AYP report. As you know, your school's most recent (2011) AYP determination was preliminarily listed as "SSR", or pending a "Small School Review." This designation occurs when a school does not meet the minimum student group size to issue a report, or in the case of schools such as yours, does not contain the grade levels tested.

The Department's Small School Review process is as follows:

<u>Case 1</u>: For schools that contain the grade levels tested, the process aggregates data over multiple years, as necessary, in order to meet the minimum group size for reporting. Once the minimum group size is met, a determination can then be made.

<u>Case 2</u>: For schools not containing the grade levels tested, the process involves a review of data generated by the school that next receives your students. In this case, a school "inherits" the AYP designation of the school that next receives the majority of your students.

<u>Qualitative Review</u>: A qualitative review is conducted if and when the processes described in Case 1 and Case 2 are not feasible.

Jacques Memorial falls within Case 2 and "inherits" the AYP determination of Heron Pond School.

Please contact Merry Fortier, Education Consultant, with any questions at Merry.Fortier@doe.nh.gov or by phone at (603) 271-7382.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Robert Suprenant, Superintendent